

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An elevator car with an extended refuge area is disclosed. The elevator car has a top surface with an opening, and a refuge area structure with a first hinge, a first panel, a second hinge, and a second panel. The first hinge is coupled to the right side of the opening. The right side of the first panel is connected to the first hinge. The left side of the first panel is coupled to the second hinge. The second panel has its right side coupled to the second hinge. The left side of the second panel rests on the left side of the opening in the top surface of the elevator car.